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City of Franklin Codes Department

Transitioning from Private
Sewage Disposal to Public Sewer

Overview

- Upon completion and final acceptance by Franklin of the sewer system, a letter will be issued allowing connections to begin
- Connecting to the public sewer with a grinder pump
- The permit/inspection process
- Abandonment of the septic system



Connecting to the Public Sewer

- Fill out application and sewer service agreement from Water and Sewer Dept. at Utility Billing and pay fees
- Obtain Plumbing and Electrical permits from Codes Dept. (Plumbing permit must be obtained first)
- Licensed electrician installs a disconnect box/pump controls according to specifications and applicable codes
- Licensed plumber installs the grinder pump and connects the sewer lines from the house to the pump and from the pump to the tap at the street according to the specifications and applicable codes
- Call for Plumbing and Electrical inspections from Codes Dept. before covering the piping and pump enclosure



Permits Required

- Water & Sewer Department
 - Fill out application/service agreement and pay connection fees (\$4282)
- Codes Department
 - Fill out permit applications for Plumbing and Electrical permits and pay fees (\$37 and \$27 respectively)



Connection Fee Breakdown

- The connection fees are \$4,282 at this time
 - Access-\$2,100
 - SDF-\$1,444
 - Installation w/tap made-\$263
 - EDF-\$450
 - Application-\$25
- This has to be paid in full prior to issuance of the Plumbing permit at Codes

City Hall

- Located at 109 3rd Ave. S
 - Water Dept. Utility Billing is in Suite 141
 - Phone 794-4572
 - Codes Dept. is in Suite 110
 - Phone 794-7012
 - Open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Website is www.franklintn.gov



Codes Inspections

- When the trades have completed installation, before the sewer lines/pump are covered, call for Sewer Line and Electrical inspections at 591-5603 using the Plumbing and Electrical permit numbers.
- Installation will be inspected to International Residential Code 2003, National Electrical Code 2002, grinder pump manufacturer's instructions, and the Franklin grinder pump installation specifications.
- When inspections are complete, the sewer lines/pump may be covered with clean fill dirt and the system may be used



Final Steps

- Once the plumbing and electrical inspections are passed, the septic tank should be abandoned.
- Notify the Williamson County septic tank inspector that the tank has been abandoned.

Williamson County Sewage Disposal Department

- Located at 1320 W. Main St. in Franklin, TN
- Phone (615) 790-5751
- Website is www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov
 - Look for Sewage Disposal Department
 - Regulations are available online – see section 32
- Permit fee is \$25



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Abandonment of the Septic System

- Obtain a 'Technical Assistance' permit from Williamson County prior to installing the grinder pump
- Have the septic tank pumped (license required by pumper)
- Either crush the tank or remove it (coordinate with the County Inspector)
- Backfill the hole with gravel and cover the gravel with 12 inches of topsoil



Contacts

- Codes or installation questions-
 - Chris Bridgewater 550-6633 or chris.bridgewater@franklintn.gov
- Financial/payment arrangement questions for City fees-
 - Steve Sims 550-6704 or steves@franklintn.gov
- Septic system questions (County)-
 - Bart Skelton 790-5751 or barts@williamson-tn.org

